# Brown NationaLease Celebrates 75 Years in Business

*1888 PressRelease - Iowa Governor Branstad, employees, and the community shared in the festivities celebrating the Des Moines family-owned business.*

Brown NationaLease celebrated 75 years of being in business with a reception attended by Iowa Governor Terry Branstad and approximately 500 guests. Attendees enjoyed a cocktail buffet and received a commemorative gift to honor the prominent role Brown NationaLease has played in the community and in the truck leasing industry. Tony Valdez, a fixture on the Iowa music scene since the 1960s, provided the entertainment. The event was held on May 28th at the Downtown Marriott Grand Ballroom in Des Moines.

Brown NationaLease is the oldest full service truck leasing company in the Midwest. It has been continuously owned by the Brown family since 1940, when R.A. Brown, a former theater organist for the silent movies, founded Brown Truck Leasing Company. R.A. Brown was among the original founding companies that helped formed the National Truck Leasing System (NTLS), which was the foundation for NationaLease. Brown NationaLease is the only remaining member from that original group. R.A.'s son Thomas Brown became President in 1973 and now manages the company along with his son Taylor. He commented that the anniversary celebration "is truly a milestone for our family-owned business."

Headquartered in Des Moines, Brown NationaLease operates about 3,900 vehicles from 20 locations throughout Iowa and the adjoining states. Brown also manages several other companies that offer a variety of distribution services, including dedicated logistics, truckload operations, and warehousing.

About NationaLease
Founded in 1944, NationaLease is one of the largest full service truck leasing organizations in North America, with over 700 service locations throughout the U.S. and Canada and a combined customer fleet of over 125,000 tractors, trucks, and trailers. The company provides comprehensive fleet management services for private fleets and transportation service providers. More information can be found at nationalease.com.

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